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PATENT

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventors, We hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD FOR PREPARING A CUT SURFACE IN UNCURED RUBBER SAMPLES FOR MEASURING FILLER DISPERSION

the specification of which

— is attached hereto.

X was filed on October 16, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/978,501.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Priority Claimed

Number	Country	Date Filed	Yes	No
Number	Country	Date Filed	Yes	No
Number	Country	Date Filed	Yes	No

English Language Declaration

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, We acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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